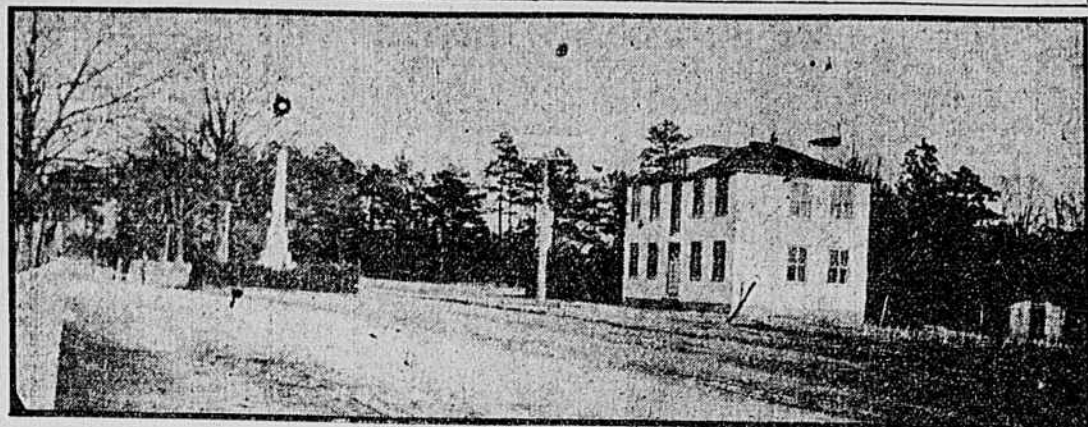
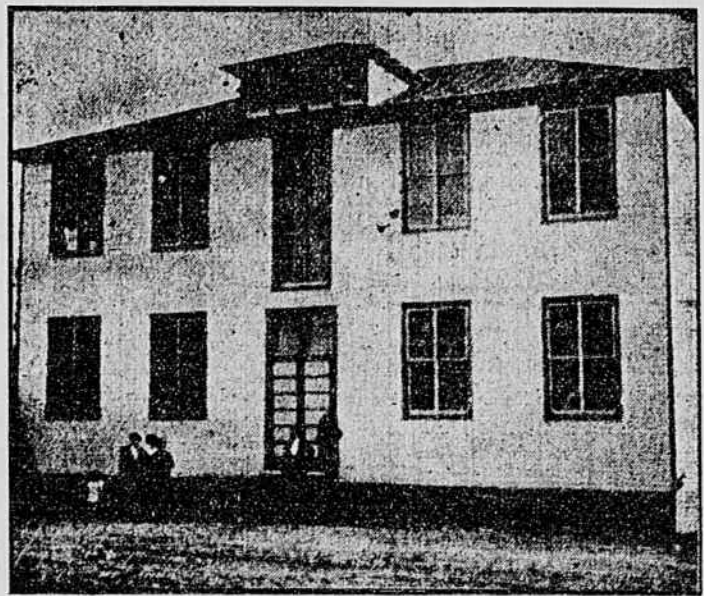


MIDLOTHIAN HIGH SCHOOL



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NEW HIGH SCHOOL AT MIDLOTHIAN

People of Midlothian School District Got Tired of One-Room Affair.

HISTORY OF BETTER SCHOOL

Taxpayers Demanded Higher Levy That They Might Build More Largely.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON.

Midlothian, Va., May 31.—The commencement exercises of the Midlothian High School, which took place this week, closed the first term of the school in its new building, which is the pride of the villagers and the patrons of the school for miles around. The public school of the Midlothian District in Chesterfield county was long, too long, a little one-room affair, accommodating a very small number of pupils. Two years ago the wide-awake people in the village and the district made up their minds that they were going to get in the swim and have here a high school worthy the name. Dr. Charles M. Hazen, who was then the county superintendent and the most progressive, intelligent and hard-working superintendent the county has ever had, encouraged the people in every way and rendered them every assistance possible.

Early in the year 1911 a great meeting was held here in the interest of popular education in general and a high school for Midlothian in particular. All the people around here attended the meeting, and addresses were made by Hon. J. D. Egleston, State Superintendent of Education; Dr. Hazen, then county superintendent; Senator John B. Watkins, of Chesterfield; Representative W. W. Baker, of Chesterfield; and Dr. John B. Fisher, one of the most public spirited citizens of this part of the county, or of the State, as for that matter. The people decided then and there that Midlothian School District should have a first-class high school. Senator Watkins and Dr. Fisher were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with the county and district school authorities and to erect the necessary building—not to discuss the matter, mind you, but to erect the building. These men conferred with the authorities and with the district school board and with Superintendent Hazen, and then they went to work sure enough.

First they bought a four-acre lot on the Midlothian Turnpike in the center of the village, for which they paid the Midlothian Coal Company \$600 cash. They then, with the district board and many citizens of the district, went before the board of supervisors of Chesterfield county and asked that their school tax for the district be increased from 20 cents on the \$100 to 30 cents. This was done and thus a part of the money to erect the building and maintain the school was raised. The balance was borrowed from the State literary fund. Work was commenced without unnecessary delay, and by July 4, 1911, the builders were ready for the corner-stone laying, and that good work was done on Independence Day by Midlothian Lodge of Masons. The handsome two-story building was com-

pleted in the latter part of last August at a cost of \$4,200.

The building has four rooms, two on each floor, with ample halls, cloak rooms, etc. The usual equipment has been installed, such as modern desks, seats, blackboards, pictures, a small library, etc. The upper rooms are so arranged with folding doors that the entire floor can be converted into a hall or auditorium that will comfortably seat 300 people. The rooms are arranged, one for the primary grade, two for intermediate grades, and one for the four-year course high school.

The four-acre lot is to be graded, ornamented and made into a model surrounding for an up-to-date country school, but it will take a little time to do this.

The first term opened on the first day of last October, with eighty-seven students on the roll and the following teachers: Miss Hattie B. Christman, principal, and Misses Ruth J. Kizer and Lulu C. Powell, teachers. The two first named are full graduates of the State Female Normal School at Farmville and Miss Powell is a full graduate of the Richmond High School that has been succeeded by the John Marshall High School. Another teacher is to be added next term, and the school has become so popular in the district another two-horse wagon will be required to haul the distant scholars to school and back home. Last term only one wagon was used, running from Hallboro to the southward, and next term there will be a wagon to collect the children every morning from the northward, starting from "The Arch" down near Bon Air.

It is now estimated that the roll next term will contain the names of near to 200 students. It may be remarked in this connection that the three teachers named above did a hard term's work, and that work was so successful, and they so much pleased the patrons, that, unknown to them, a request signed by every patron went up to the school authorities of the county that they be re-elected for next term, and it is a foregone conclusion that this will be done. The people of Midlothian District are proud of their high school, and when any one of them is asked anything about it will answer in about these words: "We have the best school and the best

teachers and the smartest scholars of any district in the county."

They are also proud that they petitioned the County Board of Supervisors to continue the increased tax levy so that they may have the funds to further improve the school, and the 20 cents levy has been continued for and through the year 1913.

At the commencement exercises which took place this week certificates were handed out by Senator John B. Watkins, who presided, to an unusual long honor roll. It will indeed be an honor always to have made so good at the first term of a school that in after years will doubtless become famous. I am going to take the necessary space to print that honor roll of the first term. Here it is: Miss Christman's high school: T. Charner Watkins, Susie Camack, Lillian Cole, Alice Hulse, Elizabeth Hudgepeth, Waverley Payne, Carlton Atkinson, Oscar Watlington and Haley Cole.

Miss Powell's school: Hene Gunn, Emma Jackson, Comer Jackson, Ethel Field, Cora Lagan, Madona Bass, Rhoda Bailey, Robert Landis, Robert Chapman, Frank Chapman, Fitzhugh Eastman, Ivay Jordan, Vann Jordan, Alyse Watlington.

Miss Kizer's school: Erma Enroughy, Maxwell Clarke, Margaret Horner, Frances Fisher, Randolph Fisher, Loyd Jenkins, Owen Jenkins, Thelma Poland, Theodore Chapman, Albin Eastman, Alfred Woody, Robert Butler, John Gunn, William Hall, Henry Hall, Beulah Anderson, Carlton Heath.

CHRISTIANSBURG

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Christiansburg, Va., June 1.—Mrs. F. S. Roope has gone to Washington to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. W. M. Scott.

Mrs. Blair Pitter and her children, of Roanoke, are visiting Mrs. Charles Sumpter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Abbott, Elizabeth and Robert Abbott, of Roanoke, are guests of Mrs. J. William Schelburn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hurt and James Hurt, Jr., of Tazewell, are visiting in Christiansburg.

Sidney Miller has returned from a month's stay at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond.

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\$30.00 Lingerie Dresses.....\$16.50

BERRYVILLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Berryville, Va., June 1.—Miss Julia Cocke, of New York, is visiting at the home of Hon. A. Moore, Jr.

Mrs. Horace Smithy has returned to her home in Washington, after visiting her parents, Hon. and Mrs. Marshall McCormick.

Miss Portia Baldwin is visiting friends in Norfolk.

Miss Mary Powers has returned from a visit to her sister, in Leland, Miss. A. G. Weaver and A. L. Warthen, both of Front Royal, were in town recently.

Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Boyden have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rosa Rutherford Boyden, to Sidney S. Clary, of Richmond. The wedding will take place June 26, at Meade Memorial Church, White Post, Clarke county, the father of the bride officiating.

Among the recent social events was a garden party, given by Miss Hattie T. McCormick, at her home, Berryville. Those present were Misses Louise Powers, Margaretta Henry, Sadie Meade, Ruth McKay and Fannie Dorsey, and Arthur Warthen, Shelby Timberlake, Baldwin Neill, Edward McCormick, Tom Blencowe and James Lindsay.

Invitations are out to the marriage of Miss Bessie Taylor McCormick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Province McCormick, to Herbert B. Whiting, of Lexington. The wedding will take place on June 12 at Grace Episcopal Church, Berryville.

BLACKSTONE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Blackstone, Va., June 1.—Miss Louise Haynes, of Bowling Green, and Miss Elizabeth Ames, of Norfolk, have been visiting Miss Anne Menure for the institute commencement.

Rev. W. G. Boggs and Mrs. Boggs, of Urbanna, have been visiting friends here for several days.

Mrs. J. R. Percival, of Richmond, and little son are visiting Mrs. George P. Adams.

Miss Agnes Brown, of Birmingham, is visiting Mrs. Burnett Jones.

Miss Maggie Boggs and Miss Hattie Taylor, of Urbanna, have been visiting Miss Mary Epps this week.

Miss Orgain, of Kenbridge, is the guest of Miss Julia Bagley.

Mrs. Magee, of Clarksville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Stith.

Mr. Simms, of Petersburg, is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. W. Manson, Jr.

Colonel L. S. Epps was a business visitor to Nottoway this week.

CULPEPER

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Culpeper, Va., June 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Steptoe Payne spent several days in Washington this week.

Misses Elizabeth Smith and Mamie Whaley, of Texas, who have been attending school at Bristol School, Washington, this week, and Miss Frankie Taunt, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Earle Whitehorn, in New York, arrived in Cul-

peper on Wednesday for the summer. John L. Jeffries, of Norfolk, spent several days this week with E. S. Perry.

Miss Mary Alice Johnson, who has been spending the winter with relatives in Raleigh, N. C., returned to Culpeper on Saturday for the summer.

Lieutenant Phifer, was the guest this week of Lieutenant Nelson Wampler enroute from the officers' encampment in Winchester to his home in Danville.

Adrian Nalle, who has been teaching school in North Carolina this winter, has returned to Culpeper for the summer.

HARRISONBURG

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Harrisonburg, Va., June 1.—Miss Rhoda McCormick, student of music at Peabody College, Baltimore, is here with her parents for the summer.

Miss Minnie Taylor, of The Plains, Fauquier county, was the guest of Mrs. S. B. Marz this week.

Mrs. J. H. Wolfe, of Elkton, visited

Mrs. Winfield Liggett this week, and then went to see Miss Pennybacker, at Linville.

Miss Mary Watkins, of Brunswick, Md., was the recent guest of Miss Sigafosse, at Stokesville.

Mrs. Robert U. Brookings, wife of the former Episcopal rector, has been visiting in town and county.

Mrs. Samuel J. Harnsberger is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Burton Jones, at Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Miss Grace Lee Duncan, of Clarksville, W. Va., is visiting Miss Irva Payne, on East Market Street.

Miss Helen Sheehan, of Roanoke, is visiting Miss Margaret, Peale. They will attend the finals at S. M. A. in Staunton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Effinger, of Lexington, is visiting Mrs. P. W. Effinger, on Court Square.

Mrs. E. B. Crawford is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Euntree, in Richmond.

Mrs. Gertrude R. Witt, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. O. B. Cooley.

Miss Mamie Maher, of Raleigh, N. C., is visiting Mrs. W. E. Manor.

Miss Wilson, of Washington, was

the guest this week of her cousin, Mrs. J. N. Liggett.

Mrs. R. M. Montague, who spent three months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Banglebaugh, of Broadway, has returned to her home in New York.

Miss Lillian Paul is visiting friends in Winchester.

Miss Judith Sublett, who spent several months here with her nephew, Frank L. Sublett, has returned to Charleston, W. Va.

Charles H. Eshman, of Washington, was in town this week.

Mrs. Ben Lambert, of Lynchburg, is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. R. Berlin, in Bridgewater.

Mrs. George S. Bryan has returned to Richmond, after a visit to Miss Mary Grattan, on South Main Street.

Mrs. J. B. Nettles, of New York, is the guest of Mrs. Albert Ney.

Mrs. J. M. Dutrow is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jod Pennybacker, in Washington.

Miss Ruth Prentymann, of Alexandria, is the guest of Mrs. Saylor D. Myers.

Mrs. E. V. Crist, of Staunton, spent several days with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. S. Thomas.

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